

Rocket Propelled Grenade (RPG) attacks are second only to Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) incidents in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Tactical RPG Airbag Protection System (TRAPS) supported by this funding uses commercial airbag and low-cost radar technology to defeat RPG attacks against humvees and other light armored military vehicles.

"Our men and women overseas, their families here at home - they're making incredible sacrifices everyday. Ensuring that our troops' vehicles are protected from daily attacks is the least we can do. Pacific Scientific and their team have developed a good system, one the Department of Defense has recognized as critical, and I am pleased to be able to help fund efforts to get TRAPS in the field as soon as possible," said Farr.

Robert Valenti, Director of Business Development, Active Protection Systems at Pacific Scientific, said, "These funds secured by Congressman Farr will be crucial to expedite deployment of this new level of protection to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan who are being attacked daily by insurgents and terrorists using deadly RPGs. We greatly appreciate Mr. Farr's leadership to highlight the successful tests of the TRAPS using technologies developed in Hollister and to ensure that resources are available to transition the technology to the warfighter in the field."

TRAPS is the only active protection system under development that is both affordable and avoids collateral damage to nearby troops or vehicles. Following on funds previously invested by the Army, the \$3.5 million appropriated in today's bill will expedite testing and deployment of the current version of TRAPS. The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) has already funded efforts for an advanced version of TRAPS with capability to defeat larger and more lethal threats.

The underlying funding bill passed the House of Representatives late last night by a wide majority. As a member of the committee that wrote this bill, Farr was able to secure this \$3.5 million project part of almost \$30 million he negotiated to support local priorities.